

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF D.J. JACOBETTI MICHIGAN VET- ERANS HOME

#### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, on this Veterans Day, it is my honor to recognize the D.J. Jacobetti Veterans Home for decades of service to veterans, their families, and our communities. Through their tireless work and steadfast devotion to veterans, D.J. Jacobetti has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula and the State of Michigan.

D.J. Jacobetti was created in Marquette, Michigan, in 1981 following the increase in Michigan's veteran population after the Vietnam War. The establishment of the facility featured a spacious four-story building that was renovated from the former St. Mary's Hospital and was appropriately dedicated to the Yooper and longest serving member of the Michigan House of Representatives, Dominic J. Jacobetti. Throughout the past 40 years, D.J. Jacobetti and their staff have worked diligently to improve the lives of countless veterans, offering a variety of care options which include an on-site pharmacy, rehab and therapy, dementia care, and many others. The impact of their work has bettered the quality of life for many Yoopers, and their devotion to our veterans and local community cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize D.J. Jacobetti Michigan Veterans Home for their continued service to veterans and our Upper Peninsula communities. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

### RECOGNIZING BEN HERNANDEZ- STERN AND HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COM- MITTEE

#### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Chair of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to thank Ben Hernandez-Stern for his service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ben came to the Committee as part of a career focused on serving his country, which has included service in the National Guard, Air Force, Federal courts, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Justice. Ben received his B.A. from Brown University, J.D. from Stanford Law School, and M.A. from the U.S. Naval War College.

Ben joined our Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security as Counsel in 2019 and played a critical role in advancing the Subcommittee's priorities during the 116th Congress and the beginning of the 117th Congress. In the wake of an increase in hate crimes and gun violence, Ben played a leading role in the Subcommittee's work to address these crises. His portfolio included a wide range of issues, such as reforming our bail system, addressing fines and fees that disproportionately impact the poor and people of color, improving access to justice, and addressing domestic terrorism.

Ben is a team player, who was always willing to help out however needed. During the impeachments of President Donald Trump, Ben aided our oversight team—in addition to continuing to work on his broad policy portfolio—in our solemn duty to hold President Trump accountable for his impeachable offenses.

Ben's service to the country, however, wasn't limited just to his work on the Committee during the past few years; he also continued to serve as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, deploying numerous times to serve his country in this additional capacity.

Ben's work on the Committee, to make our laws more just, has left a lasting impact on our country. In addition, Ben played a key role in developing the next generation of public servants. During his time on the committee, Ben mentored dozens of interns, both on and off his Subcommittee, providing them with assignments, valuable feedback, and guidance. Many of these interns went on to obtain full-time positions in the government thanks to Ben's mentorship.

While Ben's career at the House Judiciary Committee has come to a close, his career as a public servant has not. Ben was nominated and is now serving as a Judge in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. The California judiciary is fortunate to have such a strong advocate for justice on its bench.

We thank Ben for his service to the Committee and wish him the best of luck with this new chapter.

### RECOGNIZING ANDREW FRENCH, 2020 CHAIR OF THE MICHIGAN RESTAURANT & LODGING ASSO- CIATION

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Andrew French of Ann Arbor, Michigan, the 2020 Chair of the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association and President of Aubree's Flagstar. His decades of service to Michigan's restaurant and lodging industry and to our local community is worthy of commendation.

Aubrey William "Bill" and Sandee French opened Aubree's, a bar in Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town neighborhood in 1972. Raised in Ypsilanti, Michigan, Mr. French grew up in the restaurant industry. At age 15 he could be found in the back of his parent's bar washing dishes. After graduating from Michigan State University in 1997, he returned home to help his mom and dad revamp the family bar. In 1998, they purchased the space next door to the bar and expanded to become Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill.

In 2005, Mr. French became Vice President of the organization and when his father passed in 2015, he became President and CEO. The pizzeria quickly became a neighborhood favorite and gathering spot for family and friends in the area. With the success of the original Depot Town location, Aubree's has expanded to ten locations across the state of Michigan. To him the most important part of the job is creating a great customer experience for guests—Aubree's employees are part of the family.

In 2012, Mr. French was appointed to Board of the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association. A strong advocate for Michigan's restaurant industry, he was appointed Chair of the Board in 2020. A voice for hospitality on the local, state, and federal levels, Mr. French is a tireless advocate for Michigan restaurants and their employees. Even during the pandemic, he has continued to help keep hundreds of small businesses afloat. Active in his own neighborhood, he serves on the Depot Town Community Development Corporation, as the Vice Chair of the Ypsilanti DDA, and on the board of the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. He previously served on the boards for the Hope Clinic and the Ypsilanti Area Community Foundation. He resides in Ann Arbor with his family.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Mr. Andrew French for his exceptional leadership and extraordinary time. We are grateful for his commitment to the local community and economy and wish him and the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association continued success in the years ahead.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BOB KNIGHT

#### HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bob Knight, a man who gave himself freely and fully to his family, business, state and community, who died on October 28, 2021.

He was born July 15, 1945, in the former Rollins Hospital at Gassville, Arkansas. Bob graduated from Mountain Home High School in 1963, the Wichita School of Broadcasting in 1965, and served in the U.S. Navy from 1965 to 1969 aboard the battleship New Jersey.

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Those who were lucky enough to know Bob were aware that he had a deep and abiding passion for the Bombers, broadcasting, the Twin Lakes Area, his state, and the Navy. Many of his numberless stories were centered on one of those passions. His family was his first priority. He was married to the former Sue Hightower for 48 years. They were a team in every sense of the word. He would light up when talking about his daughter and grandchildren.

Bob was 23 when he started working at KTLO in 1968. He and Sue were part of a group including two local doctors—Johnny and Bobby Ahrens—who bought the station in 1973. In 1994, current co-owner Danny Ward and his wife, Velma, became partners, along with Charlie and Scottie Earls. Mountain Lakes Broadcasting Corporation was formed. The Knights and Wards bought the Earls' interest in 2012.

Bob earned accolades for his devoted and tireless service to organizations both local and statewide. He was president of the Mountain Home Educational Foundation for 16 years. He was also a past president of the Arkansas Broadcasters' Association and chairman of the Arkansas Parks and Tourism Commission. The jobs Bob held had one general aim—to make the Twin Lake Area and the State of Arkansas better places to live and work.

Bob's sense of humor brightened up the day and will be missed. For four decades, people in the KTLO listening area have started their day with his program's signature opening, "It's time to rise and shine." Bob Knight was preceded in death by his wife of almost 50 years, Sue Hightower Knight; and son, Jordan Knight. He is survived by his daughter, Heather Loftis, her husband, Chris, and two grandchildren: Mia and Jordan Zane Loftis.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARINE CORPS RESERVE ASSOCIATION

##### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 95th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps Reserve Association. The work of the USMCRA over nearly a century has been critical in ensuring the common defense of our country and assisting in the readiness of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves for future conflict.

The United States Naval and Marine Corps Reserves were established through the Naval Appropriations Act on August 29, 1916. Ten years later, the USMCRA was formed to ensure the readiness of Reserve Forces and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps and United States Marine Corps Reserves. Since then, the USMCRA has constantly worked to help preserve the safety of our country and the wellbeing of those whom defend it. As a Retired Lt. General and the former Commander of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and Marine Forces North, I deeply understand the importance of strong and battle-ready reserves units and will continue to support their mission here in Congress. The work of the USMCRA and the impact of their advocacy on behalf of our servicemembers,

Veterans, and their families cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the United States Marine Corps Reserve Association for 95 years of service to our country. I look forward to assisting in fulfilling their mission to support our Servicemen and women. Please join me in congratulating the USMCRA for this historic achievement.

#### RECOGNIZING THE WWI MOBILE MUSEUM

##### HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, as we gather this Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the valiant men and women who dedicated their lives to preserving our freedoms through service to our great nation.

What was proclaimed as Armistice Day on November 11, 1919 in commemoration of the end of the first World War, is now a day to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve in times of peace and war. By remembering the service and sacrifice of those who have borne the battle, we acknowledge their courageous efforts and work towards preserving peace for future generations.

Today, I recognize Keith Colley, founder of the WWI Mobile Museum, who provides an invaluable opportunity for all generations to honor the rich history of the Great War through the display of the various artifacts ranging from trench warfare, to photographic and cinematic treatment of the war. Appropriately named the "Lest We Forget" exhibit, stemming from President Woodrow Wilson's speech following the war, keeping the memory of WWI alive is a show of respect for the men and women who served and who ultimately perished during the conflict.

In his time as a bereavement counselor in hospice care, Mr. Colley found by sharing his own experience visiting the National WWI Museum and Memorial, he was able to tap into patient memories that were previously not accessible. Mr. Colley's initial collection of artifacts and photographs fully immersed his patients in their own memories, providing a meaningful experience that extended beyond traditional care.

In partnership with the WWI Centennial Commission, the WWI Mobile Museum began touring around the country in 2015, making stops at multiple sites including schools, senior living communities, and historical museums. The museum has since provided citizens of all ages and stages with an opportunity to learn and reflect on the significance of WWI through its display of artifacts from what was one of the deadliest conflicts in history.

Now, as we recognize the contributions of the WWI Mobile Museum in preserving these historical artifacts as a learning tool for future generations, I ask that you join me in honoring efforts to help others to remember the past by preserving our culture.

#### HONORING THE LATE DAPHNE BROOKINS

##### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Daphne Brookins an incredible mentor, mother, and friend to the people of Fort Worth's 4th District.

Brookins was a young adult motivational speaker, writer, Fort Worth ISD District 4 trustee, and most recently served as an adjunct instructor at her alma mater, Texas Wesleyan University. She and her late husband, Carl Brookins, leave behind three sons.

Brookins served previously as council member and mayor pro tempore for the city of Forest Hill. Brookins' other affiliations include leadership roles with the One Star Foundation board, which she was appointed to by Gov. Greg Abbott, as well as the YMCA Metropolitan Board, Director's Circle with Girls Inc., Tarrant County Challenge Inc. board member, Advisory Board member for Expanding Your Horizon, Tarrant County CHIP Coalition co-chairperson for the Marketing Task Force, and the Ladder Alliance board member.

In 2019, Brookins was elected to the FWISD Board of Trustees. She was later elected to a full term in May 2021. As a FWISD board member Brookins' main focus was on advancing opportunities for young women and children and ensuring all daycare facilities in Fort Worth were on the same page as the district's early learning program. She was also an early supporter and board member for the district's Young Women's Leadership Academy.

As a part of Fort Worth's 4th District, she represented 13 schools which included O.D. Wyatt High School, I.M. Terrell Academy, Morningside Middle School, Morningside Elementary School, W.M. Green Elementary School, David K. Sellars Elementary School, Harlean Beal Elementary School, Clifford Davis Elementary School, Carter Park Elementary School, Edward J. Briscoe Elementary School, Carroll Peak Elementary School, Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary School, and Versia Williams Elementary School.

It was said that Brookins was always focused on students and never allowed any opportunity to further their needs to be lost. She always wanted to ensure that families received resources that allowed stability and a good education for their children. Brookins was a champion for kids and a person who embraced her board work with collegiality and dedication.

Daphne Brookins leaves behind a legacy of love and commitment to service that will be missed by all in the Fort Worth community.

#### HONORING THE 77TH NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL IN DOTHAN, ALABAMA

##### HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 12, 2021*

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the 77th National Peanut Festival in Dothan, Alabama, the "Peanut Capital of the World."